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SUBJ : UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT SUBJECT OF SCHLEBUSCH
COMMISSION'S FINAL REPORT

1 LE GRANGE (FORMERLY SCHLEBUSCH) COMMISSION ISSUED ITS FINAL REPORT,
THIS ONE ON DEFUNCT UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT (UCM) JUNE 8. NOT
UNEXPECTEDLY COMMISSION FOUND UCM TO HAVE ENGAGED IN DANGEROUS,ANTI-
STATE ACTIVITIES. IN STATEMENT REMINISCENT OF HISTORIAN'S JUDGEMENT OF

HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE(NEITHER HOLY, NOR ROMAN, NOR AND EMPIRE) COMMISSION
FOUND UCM TO HAVE HAD LITTLE UNIVERSITY SUPPORT, TO NOT HAVE BEEN
MOVEMENT, AND TO HAVE BEEN BASICALLY UNCHRISTIAN IN ITS PHILOSOPHY.

2. AS IN ITS FINDINGS ON CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE(CI), COMMISSION DETERMINED

THAT UCM WAS LARGELY FINANCED AND INSPIRED FROM ABROAD. U.S.UNIVERSITY
CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT AND WORLD STUDENT CHRISTIAN FEDERATION ALLEGEDLY
ENCOURAGED SOUTH AFRICANS IN 'PASSIONATE BELIEF' OF NEED FOR RADICAL
CHANGE AND HELPED INTRODUCE FOREIGN IDEOLOGIES INTO COUNTRY.

3. AMONG DANGEROUS ACTIVITIES OF UCM WERE FOMENTING OF BLACK THEOLOGY,
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PROMOTION OF 'AFRICAN SOCIALISM' USE OF SENSITIVITY TRAINING, AND
INTRODUCTION OF BLACK POWER AND BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS INTO SOUTH AFRICA.

LATTER MOST DANGEROUS FOR ITS INFLUENCE REMAINED IN COUNTRY EVEN AFTER

UCM DISSOLVED. REPORT CATALOGUES ALLEGATIONS THAT UCM NATIONAL CONVENTIONS SCENE OF WILD PARTIES, POT SMOKING, OFFENSIVE DISCUSSIONS OF SEXUAL ATTITUDES, AND WORSE, UCM'S USE OF SENSITIVITY TRAINING TO FOSTER 'WHITE CONSCIOUSNESS' OR FEELINGS OF GUILT ABOUT RACIAL SCENE IN SOUTHAFRICA PARTICULARLY SCORED BY COMMISSION.

4. CENTRAL POINT OF FINDINGS IS THAT UCM, LIKE CI AND NATIONAL UNION OF

SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS (NUSAS). HAS, BY ITS EMPHASIS ON NEED FOR RADICAL CHANGE VIA PROMOTION OF GREATER BLACK IDENTITY, POLARIZED SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY AND CREATED THE NECESSARY TINDER TO PROMOTE VIOLENT RACIAL CONFLAGRATION. FACT THAT MANY UCM LEADERS APPARENTLY SINCERELY DECRINED VIOLENCE DISMISSED AS EXAMPLE OF THEIR NAIVETE.

5. UCM DISBANDED ITSELF IN 1972 AFTER MANY OF ITS BLACK LEADERS OPTED FOR BLACK EXCLUSIVITY OF SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENT ORGANIZATION (SASO) AND

OTHER FOUNDERS LEFT COUNTRY. REPORT MAKES NO RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER ACTION BUT DOES, HOWEVER, EXPRESS COMMISSION'S CONCERN THAT UCM RECEIVED SIGNIFICANT AND 'UNCritical ACCEPTANCE' OF INDIVIDUAL ENGLISH-

SPEAKING CHURCHES, SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, AND ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PRESS WITHOUT THESE GROUPS CONDUCTING 'EVEN THE MOST SUPERFICIAL INVESTIGATION' INTO ITS FINANCES AND MOTIVES.

6. POST WILL POUCH REPORT TO AF/S WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

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